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Cascade hopes for the status of a 'Great Place'

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Resident John Howard reported to the Cascade City Council that he received an e-mail from Barry Bennett, with the State Historical Preservation Society, concerning Cascade's bid to be considered a "Great Place." Trainers want to come to Cascade on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 11 a.m., Howard said. "There is a lot of work to be done by then," he said. The trainers will help the city develop a presentation to be presented to the Great Place Committee in Des Moines in September. The city will need to gather information and put together a presentation to explain what Cascade has accomplished recently as a community, which makes it a "Great Place" in Iowa.

Randy Lyons, with the Cascade Cycling Club, told council there will be a Dubuque County Resource Enhancement and Protection grant meeting on Thursday, Aug. 11. The REAP grant organization wants all communities or organizations seeking a grant to submit a 5-year REAP

plan, Lyons said.

The cycling club will be presenting their project for the grant at the Aug. 11 meeting, which is to hard surface the entire existing bike trail and add an extension to Shady Rest Care Center. The cycling club did not score high enough to receive a REAP grant last year for the project, and Lyons said he does not believe they will be awarded a grant this year either. He noted that it might take several years of applying before a grant is awarded for work on the trail.

Council accepted Cascade Police Chief Don Miyagawa's letter of retirement, effective Dec. 31. Miyagawa thanked Mayor Rich Knepper and the council for allowing him to do what was needed to care for his wife after she became ill six years ago. He also thanked the residents and told council they should begin their search for his replacement, and that he would like to be on the hiring committee.

Knepper thanked Miyagawa for his time and effort he has put in, including the hours he was not compensated for and

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his comraderie with the kids. Council member Steve Leytem said the next police chief will need to be good with kids and want to spend time with kids. "He got a lot of miles out of the kids, and the kids got a lot of miles out of him. It's been a good working relationship," he said.

In other business council:

- Approved the 2005 Street Resurfacing Project, except for Harrison St. SE, between First Avenue and Fourth Avenue SE. The alley seal coating list was tabled until more information is available for consideration.

Tabled the decision to add rebuilding the storm sewer behind city hall as part off the 2006 Street Improvements Project.

- Approved a funding agreement between Dubuque County and the city for replacing the Aitchison Road Bridge in the amount of \$135,300. The city and county will split the cost in half.

- Approved acceptance of a bid from Otting Body Shop for \$1,219 for refinishing the utility box for the 2002 Chevy pickup truck, and estimated labor to remove the box and place on a new vehicle.

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